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Second session
New York, 5 - 9 February 2001
Item 1 of the provisional agenda

# ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

## I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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   (a) Report on national country preparations
   (b) First formal reading of the draft Programme of Action (A/CONF.191/IPC/L.4)

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5. Other business

6. Adoption of the report of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee on its second session

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## II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Introduction

1. At its first session, the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee (IPC) for the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries provided that formal consideration of the draft Programme of Action for the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries would be undertaken at the beginning of 2001. In the light of this, at its fifty-fifth session, the General Assembly decided, inter alia, to convene the second session of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee from 5 to 9 February 2001 in New York (GA resolution 55/214).

Item 1 Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

2. The provisional agenda has been drawn up in keeping with General Assembly resolutions 54/235 and 55/214.

3. Suggestions for the organization of work and a tentative timetable of meetings are annexed to these annotations.

Item 2 Progress report by the Chairman of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee

4. Under this item, the Chairman of the IPC will make a statement. The Secretary-General of the Conference will also make a statement.

Item 3 Substantive preparations for the Conference

(a) Report on national country preparations

5. The secretariat of the Conference will make an oral progress report on this sub-item.

(b) First formal reading of the draft Programme of Action (A/CONF.191/IPC/L.4)

6. As provided at the first session of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee and in General Assembly resolution 55/214, the main task of the second session of the IPC will be to undertake the first formal reading of the draft Programme of Action. The draft Programme of Action has already been circulated to Member States (A/CONF.191/IPC/L.4).

Item 4 Other matters relating to preparations for the Conference

7. The Executive Secretary of the Conference will present an oral report on the progress made in the preparations for the Conference. Information will be made available by the secretariat on specific events of the Conference, including interactive debates, civil society and parallel events, and the participation of non-governmental organizations in the Conference and in the final session of the IPC. The Committee may also wish to consider arrangements for its final session and other inter-sessional meetings.

Item 5 Other business

Item 6 Adoption of the report of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee on its second session

6. The report of the second session of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee will be submitted to the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries in May 2001.

## Annex

## PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE SESSION

Monday, 5 February 2001

**Morning session**

10 a.m.

Opening of the meeting

Item 1

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Item 2

Statement by the Chairman of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee
Statement by the Secretary-General of the conference

Item 3 (a)

Progress report by the secretariat on national country preparations

Item 3 (b)

First reading of the draft Programme of Action
- General exchange of the views on the draft Programme of Action and statements by regional groups and other interested delegations and organizations of the United Nations system and other multilateral organizations

Afternoon session

3.00 p.m.

Item 3 (b) (continued)

Exchange on the draft Programme of Action

Chapter I: Objectives and principles
Chapter II: A framework of partnership
A. Priorities for the decade
B. Main orientations

**Tuesday, 6 February 2001**

Morning session

10 a.m.

Item 3 (b) (continued)

Chapter II: A framework of partnership
Commitment 1: Fostering a people-centred policy framework
Commitment 2: Promoting good governance

Afternoon session

3.00 p.m.

Item 3 (b) (continued)

Commitment 3: Building human capacities

**Wednesday, 7 February 2001**

Morning session

10.00 a.m.

Item 3 (b) (continued)

Commitment 4: Strengthening productive capacities

Afternoon session

3.00 p.m.

Item 3 (b) (continued)

Commitment 5: Making globalization work for LDCs

**Thursday, 8 February 2001**

Morning session

10.00 a.m.

Item 3 (b) (continued)

Commitment 6: Reducing vulnerability and conserving the environment
Commitment 7: Mobilizing financial resources

Afternoon session

3.00 p.m.

Item 3 (b) (continued)

Chapter III: Arrangements for implementation

**Friday, 9 February 2001**

Morning session

10.00 a.m.

Item 4

Statement by the Executive Secretary
Matters relating to the preparations for Conference, including participation of NGOs and intersessional arrangements
Informal consultations on agenda item 6 (Report of the second session of the IPC)

Afternoon session

3.00 p.m.

Item 5

Other business

Item 6

Adoption of the report